



August 3, 2005

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

### **ADAMS RD. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The existing Adams Rd. Bridge over the CN Railroad, constructed in 1930, has been determined to be deteriorated beyond repair, and it is scheduled to be replaced. The City of Birmingham has received a federal and state grant to assist in the cost of this project. Posen Construction has been hired as the prime contractor. Minor work will begin within the next few weeks, with the road scheduled for complete closure (at the bridge) on Tuesday, August 23. The existing bridge will be completely removed, and a new one meeting current standards will be installed, with an expected completion date of November, 2006. The new bridge will contain aesthetic enhancements that will include brick masonry accents, dark green decorative steel railings, and accent lighting on the new sidewalk. Similar to the existing bridge, a new sidewalk will be installed on the east side of the bridge only.

Since the bridge must be completely replaced, NO traffic will be able to drive through on this portion of Adams Rd. during construction. An official detour will be set up using Big Beaver Rd. and Woodward Ave. Large barricades will be installed on Adams Rd. both at Big Beaver Rd. and Maple Rd. to discourage through traffic on this entire mile. The entrances to the road at both ends will not be completely closed off so as to allow access to local homes, schools, etc.

Once the new bridge is nearing completion, the approach roadways beyond the bridge will be reconstructed on both ends, starting in late summer of 2006. The new bridge will be slightly wider and higher than the existing bridge to meet current standards, therefore, the roadway will be reconstructed with new curb and gutter and asphalt pavement. The existing slopes from grade up to the approach roadways will also be reconstructed at this time, and sodded. If you feel that you have underground sprinklers in this area that may be impacted, we ask that you have the sprinkler heads marked, and that you notify our office once they have been marked, within the next three weeks. Provisions to reconstruct the sprinkler system can be made with proper notification.

During construction, the City Inspector and contractor foreman will be on site to respond to your immediate concerns. Or, feel free to call the Birmingham Engineering Division at 248-644-3865.